



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit # NV0020877 from the following applicant:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority
P. O. Box 30013
Reno, Nevada 89520

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) operates the Hunter Creek Reservoir, located at 5001 Ross Drive, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada 89523. The Hunter Creek facility stores potable drinking water from the TMWA water system, and provides municipal drinking water to the City of Reno and surrounding areas. TMWA seeks renewal of permit NV0020877 to allow for discharge up to and over 1 million gallons per day (> 1 MGD) of treated, disinfected and de-chlorinated potable drinking water to a portion of the Steamboat Ditch System, which ultimately drains to the Truckee River through a residential neighborhood. Discharge would be in the event of mechanical or operational emergency conditions, after first treating discharge water to remove residual chlorine. The Applicant also seeks the permit to discharge small amounts of potable water collected in the reservoir sub-drain system. Discharge flows are dependent on the type and duration of the emergency condition. Based on a review of the NPDES permit application, the Division has made the tentative determination to renew the NPDES permit for a period of five (5) years, subject to certain permit limitations and requirements.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 18, 2006, either in person or by mail to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. October 18, 2006 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree

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of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.